

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR
SMALL COMPONENTS

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AMENDMENT
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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington DC 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the above-mentioned PCT application, please accept the enclosed application under the national stage pursuant to 35 USC § 371 and amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 6 of 16, Line 205, replace reference numeral 10 with reference numeral 9.

On page 11 of 16, Lines 373 and 376, replace reference numeral 28 with reference numeral 31.

In Figure 13, replace reference numeral 28 with reference numeral 31 as shown in the attached marked-up version with red ink.